



State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor



Illinois Department of Transportation
Omer Osman, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 19, 2021

CONTACT:

Paul Wappel 217.685.0082
Kristophere' Owens 815.640.1027

Closures of US Bypass 20 in Rockford begin Aug. 23

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, there will be intermittent closures of US Bypass 20 in Rockford at the 20th Street bridge beginning Monday, Aug. 23. The closures will be for a maximum of 20 minutes and are necessary to allow workers to set steel beams on the new bridge, located between the Alpine Road and Illinois 251 interchanges.

Intermittent closures will begin in the westbound lanes from 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. The closures will shift to the eastbound lanes from 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, to 6 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

When completed at the end of October, the new 20th Street bridge will include a multi-use path that allows pedestrians and bicyclists to safely travel with traffic across US 20. Sjostrom and Sons Inc. of Rockford is the contractor for the \$4.25 million project.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at [@IDOTDistrict2](https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict2) or view area construction details on IDOT's [traveler information map](https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/traveler-information-map) on [GettingAroundIllinois.com](https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com).

###